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*Editorial note:* For the President's remarks of Apr. 21, 1989, on signing Proclamation 5959, see the *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents* (vol. 25, p. 592).

**Proclamation 5960 of April 21, 1989**

### **Death of American Servicemen on Board the USS IOWA**

*By the President of the United States of America*

*A Proclamation*

As a mark of respect for the American servicemen who died as a result of the accident aboard the USS IOWA, which occurred on April 19, 1989, I hereby order, by the authority vested in me as President of the United States of America by section 175 of title 36 of the United States Code, that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and Possessions until sunset, Tuesday, April 25, 1989. I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same length of time at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

**Proclamation 5961 of April 28, 1989**

### **National Arbor Day, 1989**

*By the President of the United States of America*

*A Proclamation*

When Arbor Day was first observed in Nebraska 117 years ago, it demonstrated the important role that trees play in our daily lives. The occasion called Americans' attention to the fact that our heavy use of wood for fuel, lumber, and other products was depleting our Nation's trees at an alarming rate.

Arbor Day inspired many Americans to join efforts to protect this precious resource—and all areas of our environment—for the sake of future generations. Today, Americans continue to cultivate trees with the same sense of stewardship. During the past 8 years, we have plant-